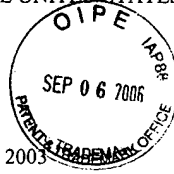


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In re, Application of:	Ip et al.	)	Group Art Unit:	1643
Serial No:	10/726,160	)	Examiner:	Alana M. Harris
Filed:	December 2, 2003	)	Our Client ID:	22827
Confirmation No:	5458	)	Our Account No:	04-1403
Title:	DNA Sequence Encoding a Retinoic Acid Regulated Protein	)		



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**RESPONSE**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	12	minus 12 = 0	X \$50 = \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	5	minus 5 = 0	x \$200 = \$ 0.00
If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$290.00 (per application)			\$ 0.00
Since Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>September 4, 2006</u> , <b>PETITION</b> is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$120; 2 months \$450; 3 months \$1020; 4 months \$1590, 5 months \$2,160)			\$ 0.00
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2006 and prior to action on the merits, with regard to the above-captioned application, please find attached:

**Amendments to the Claims** reflected in the complete listing of the Claims beginning on page 2, and

**Remarks** beginning on page 4.